

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 34 to 42 as shown below. The claims, as currently pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1 to 33. (Canceled)

34. (New) An image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

a reading unit constructed to read out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and

an access control unit constructed to set a card slot as an accessible card slot which the reading unit can access,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, the access control unit sets a card slot in which a memory card is first inserted as the accessible card slot, sets the card slots other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible, and does not change the setting of the accessible card slot until the power supply is turned off.

35. (New) A recording apparatus comprising:

a card reader comprising plural card slots which comprise plural connection units respectively corresponding to plural kinds of detachable external memory cards

which are respectively inserted in the plural connection units, and a detection unit adapted to detect that the plural kinds of external memory cards have been respectively inserted in the plural connection units and to output detection signals;

a power supply switching circuit constructed to supply power to only one connection unit in which a external memory card is first inserted from among the plural connection units, in response to the respective detection signals after a state in which the external memory card is not inserted in any of the plural connection units, wherein said power is supplied for the external memory card which is first inserted in the one connection unit;

a data reading unit adapted to read data of the external memory card from the card reader; and

a recording unit adapted to record the data read by the data reading unit.

36. (New) A recording apparatus according to Claim 35, further comprising:

a external connection unit constructed to connect the recording apparatus to an external information processing apparatus; and

a control unit adapted to perform, via the external connection unit, control so as to be able to access the external memory card.

37. (New) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and
setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read
data,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, a card slot
in which a memory card is first inserted is set as the accessible card slot, the card slots
other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible
card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off.

38. (New) A method of controlling a recording apparatus including a card
reader comprising plural card slots which comprise plural connection units respectively
corresponding to plural kinds of detachable external memory cards which are respectively
inserted in the plural connection units, said method comprising:

detecting that the plural kinds of external memory cards have been
respectively inserted in the plural connection units and outputting detection signals;

supplying power to only one connection unit in which a external memory
card is first inserted from among the plural connection units, in response to the respective
detection signals after a state in which the external memory card is not inserted in any of
the plural connection units, wherein said power is supplied for the external memory card
which is first inserted in the one connection unit;

reading data of the external memory card from the card reader; and
recording the data read in the reading step.

39. (New) A method according to Claim 35, further comprising:

connecting the recording apparatus to an external information processing apparatus; and

performing, via the connection to the external information processing apparatus, control so as to be able to access the external memory card.

40. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, said program comprising the steps of:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, a card slot in which a memory card is first inserted is set as the accessible card slot, the card slots other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off.

41. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program, for controlling a recording apparatus including a card reader comprising plural card slots which comprise plural connection units respectively corresponding to plural kinds of detachable external memory cards which are respectively inserted in the plural connection units, said program comprising the steps of:

detecting that the plural kinds of external memory cards have been respectively inserted in the plural connection units and outputting detection signals;

supplying power to only one connection unit in which a external memory card is first inserted from among the plural connection units, in response to the respective detection signals after a state in which the external memory card is not inserted in any of the plural connection units, wherein said power is supplied for the external memory card which is first inserted in the one connection unit;

reading data of the external memory card from the card reader; and
recording the data read in the reading step.

42. (New) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 35, said program further comprising the steps of:

connecting the recording apparatus to an external information processing apparatus; and

performing, via the connection to the external information processing apparatus, control so as to be able to access the external memory card.